

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

LYESHA CLARK, Individually, and as
Parent And Natural Guardian of
Z.C., a minor

Plaintiffs,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:19-cv-01579-RBS

OFFICER DWAYNE MERRELL, Badge #7078
c/o CITY OF PHILADELPHIA POLICE
DEPARTMENT, Individually and in his
Official Capacity and CITY OF
PHILADELPHIA

Defendants.

ORDER

AND NOW, this ____ day of _____, 2025, upon consideration of the Plaintiffs' Motion for Approval of Settlement and Allocation of Settlement Proceeds, and any Response thereto, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that the Plaintiff is authorized to enter into a settlement with Defendants Officer Dwayne Merrell and City of Philadelphia in the gross sum of \$2,500,000.00. Defendants shall forward all settlement drafts or checks to Plaintiff's counsel for proper distribution.

It is further **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that the gross settlement shall be allocated as follows:

GROSS SETTLEMENT	\$ 2,500,000.00
To: Kline & Specter, P.C. [legal fee – One Third]	\$ 833,333.33
To: Kline & Specter, P.C. [reimbursement of costs advanced]	\$ 35,135.38

To: Kline & Specter, P.C. \$ 199,158.26
[Department of Human Services lien]

To: Z.C., a Minor, \$ 1,432,373.03
to be placed in a settlement trust for the benefit of Z.C.

Within sixty (60) days from the date of this Order, Plaintiffs shall file a Motion with Philadelphia Orphans' Court for the approval of a settlement trust compliant with Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 2039(B)(4) providing for a trust.

BY THE COURT:

R. BARCLAY SURRICK, J.